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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Examiner	Art Unit		
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 October 2003.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) _____ is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Okuda et al (EPO 0589830 A2).

Regarding Claim 1, Okuda et al teaches a display device for a loom (Fig.1), comprising: a display unit provided with a touch screen (element 2 in fig.1); a display command unit capable of making said display unit display at least one of operation control buttons on said touch screen (Figures 1-4; Page 3, line 1- Page 4, line 56); and a button condition command unit capable of making at least one of operation control buttons to be interlocked, either one of in the non-displaying state or in the ineffective state according to a stopping state of the loom. (Figures 1-4; Page 3, line 1- Page 4, line 56).

Regarding Claim 2, Okuda et al teaches a display device further comprising an operation command unit that makes an operation button included in the operation

control buttons effective only when the operation button is pressed so as to meet a specific condition; wherein the operation control buttons include at least one the operation button and at least one permission button, the operation button is effective only when the operation button and the permission button are pressed simultaneously, and at least the operation control button to be interlocked is either the operation button or the permission button. (Figures 1-4; Page 3, line 1- Page 4, line 56).

Regarding Claim 3, Okuda et al teaches a display device wherein the operation control buttons include at least one operation button, and the operation control button to be interlocked is the operation button. (Figure 1; Page 3, line 1-56).

Regarding Claim 4, Okuda et al teaches a display device further comprising an operation command unit that makes an operation button included in the operation control buttons effective only when the operation button is pressed so as to meet a specific condition; wherein the operation control buttons further include one permission button, the operation button is effective when operation button and the permission button are pressed simultaneously, and the operation control button to be interlocked is the permission button. (Figures 1-4; Page 3, line 1- Page 4, line 56).

Regarding Claim 5, Okuda et al teaches a display device further comprising an operation command unit that makes the operation button effective when the operation button is pressed so as to meet a specific condition; wherein the operation

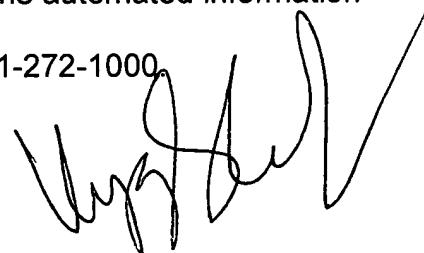
control buttons further include a plurality of permission buttons, the operation button is effective when the operation button and the permission button are pressed simultaneously, and the operation control button to be interlocked is the permission button. (Figures 1-4; Page 3, line 1- Page 4, line 56).

Regarding Claim 6, Okuda et al teaches a display device further comprising an OR command unit that makes at least one of the operation control buttons in non-display state or ineffective state depending on OR of stopping states when a plurality of the stopping states occur simultaneously. (Figures 1-4; Page 3, line 1- Page 4, line 56).

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to VIJAY SHANKAR whose telephone number is (571) 272-7682. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:00 am - 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, BIPIN SHALWALA can be reached on (571) 272-7681. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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